

REMARKS

Claims 27, 33 and 35 have been amended. Claims 27-37 are still pending. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

First, claim 35 has been amended to delete the "power source" recitation. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that all claims now meet the requirements of Section 112.

Rich

Claims 27-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by USP 6,200,184 to Rich et al. ("Rich"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant is submitting herewith an Affidavit under 37 CFR 1.131 attesting that the inventions claimed in independent claims 27 and 29 were invented prior to the effective filing date of Rich. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Kwak

Claims 27-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Design Patent No. D353,166 to Kwak ("Kwak"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 27 has been amended to recite, among other limitations, that the assembly has an air generator associated with the housing, and that the frame is positioned adjacent the air generator. Kwak does not teach or suggest any air generator, and certainly does not teach or suggest positioning a frame adjacent the air generator.

Thus, claim 27, and claims 28, 31 and 32 depending therefrom, are allowable over Kwak.

Lei

Claims 33, 34, 36 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,462,469 to Lei ("Lei"). Claim 35 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lei in view of USP 4,700,965 to Kinberg. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

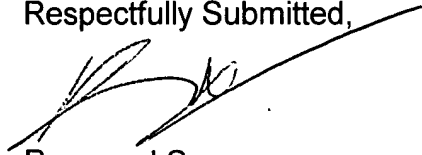
Independent claims 33 and 35 have been amended to recite that the bubble producing device 512 is spaced-apart from the outlet 546. See FIG. 20. In contrast, Lei does not have a liquid-delivering outlet that is spaced apart from the bubble producing device. Lei discloses the delivery of soapy water from a reservoir 16 through tubes 20 and 22 to a bubble producing device 18. See column 2, lines 26-30. The soapy water is not delivered out of an outlet that is spaced apart from the bubble producing device 18, but is instead delivered directly to the wand 32 of the bubble producing device 18. See column 2, line 65 to column 3, line 8.

Thus, claims 33 and 35, and claims 34, 36 and 37 depending therefrom, are allowable over Lei.

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In light of the above, pending claims 27-37 are submitted to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if there are informalities that can be resolved in a phone conversation, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for placing this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,



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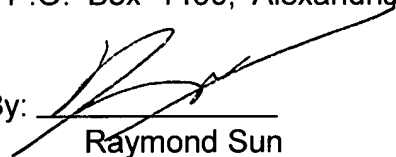
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